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MEMORANDUM FOR: General Counsel

21 October 1953

SUBJECT : Continuous Service Abroad

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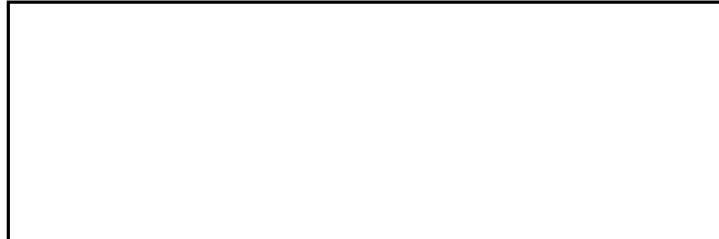
1. There has been raised the question of whether legally CIA may permit an individual to take leave in the United States for his own personal convenience without such leave breaking continuity of service [redacted]. We are aware that the Comptroller General has ruled that [redacted] leave while on official TDY, leave for personal emergency, or leave for the express purpose of receiving medical treatment, does not break continuity of service.

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2. Will you advise whether legally CIA could extend its present regulations to permit leave for personal convenience in the U.S. without breaking continuity of service?

3. A copy of this memorandum is being forwarded to the Personnel Director for the purpose of acting on your legal opinion. In the event that such action by CIA is proper without reference to GAO for their opinion, the Personnel Office will study the matter to make recommendations as to whether or not, as a policy matter, CIA should permit such action. In the event your opinion is that this matter should be referred to the GAO, it is requested that your Office in coordination with Personnel prepare an appropriate presentation to GAO for the Director's signature.

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cc: Personnel Director
Chief of Administration, DD/P